

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are pending. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a process for determining a free fraction of a substance;
- II. Claims 8-10, drawn to a kit comprising of a plate having multiple cavities, a buffer solution, plasma, and particles having solid core.

Applicants elect Group I, without traverse.

The afore-mentioned election is being made solely to comply with, and be fully-responsive to, the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue any non-elected or otherwise unclaimed subject matter in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for consideration and entry of this paper. However, Applicants authorize the Director to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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Respectfully submitted,

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